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Stan,

I received the copy of your 22 November letter to [redacted] that you sent. I can understand the review process seeming onerous to you, but I believe the PRB -- and the Agency -- is carrying its fair share of the load, as well.

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The PRB has assured me that it is doing its utmost to be as cooperative and as accommodating as it can while at the same time fulfilling its important responsibilities. There is no game playing going on here.

Mindful of your right to appeal and my potential role in that process, I deliberately confined my query to the PRB to the process, avoiding any questioning of the classification issues. If we find ourselves in an appeal situation, I assure you we will handle it as fairly and quickly as possible.

Best wishes for the holidays.

Regards,

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John N. McMahon

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